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Subject: FMC/Astaris Proposed Closure of Pond 17 and 18a&b

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Please respond to paul

Linda:

Per our last conversation I have obtained a preliminary quote from Gold Coast Stabilization in Ventura, CA to chemically stabilize the sludge in ponds 17 & 18. They would provide all the equipment, personnel and materials necessary to complete the project. The proposal is based on a volume of 40,000,000 gallons of sludge and processing would be performed over a 6-9 month period. The cost to perform the stabilization is about 12 million dollars. This may be slightly more than planned for the current closures. However, long term liability and risk to the public (and thereby to FMC/Astaris) is dramatically reduced and the need for monitoring after construction of the cap is all but eliminated. For about the same cost as capping, the problem could be dealt with permanently and responsibly right now, instead of waiting until the liners leak and then performing a scope of work similar to that proposed by Gold Coast. I have previously sent information about similar, representative projects performed by Cold Coast. References are available upon request. Past clients include Shell Oil, Southern Pacific Railroad, The Ministry of Defense (England), Amoco Oil and other large nationally recognized firms. Stabilization is a much better solution than simply capping the ponds and waiting for the problems to arise. If you have questions or comments, please call.

Kind Regards,

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